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REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Entry of the above amendments is courteously requested in order to place all claims in this application in allowable condition and/or to place the non-allowed claims in better condition for consideration on appeal.

Claims 1 through 10, 15 through 17, 21 through 25 and 28 remain in this application. Claims 11 through 14, 18 through 20, and 26 through 27 have been cancelled. No claims have been withdrawn or added.

Part 1 of the Office Action

Claims 18 through 20 and 26 through 27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Reynolds et al (U.S. Patent No. 4,148,445) in view of Pierce (U.S. Patent No. 4,796,826) and Kraeft et al (U.S. Patent No. 4,091,946).

Claims 18 through 20 and 26 through 27 have been cancelled, and therefore it is submitted the §103(a) rejection of claims 18 through 20 and 26 through 27 is moot.

Part 2 of the Office Action

Claims 1 through 10, 15 through 17, 21 through 25 and 28 have been allowed.

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CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

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